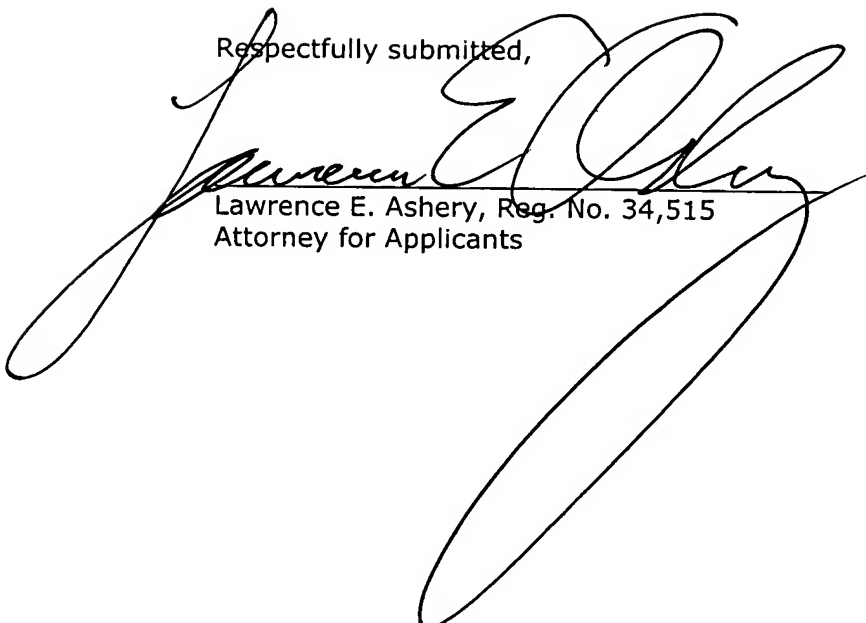## Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

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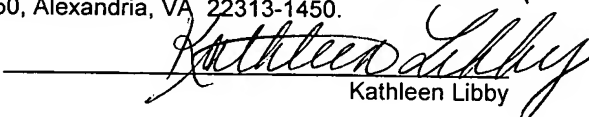**EXPRESS MAIL**   Mailing Label Number: EV 426718846 US
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ABSTRACT

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